Meals on Late running Trains

1890. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Railways to provide tea, snacks and meals to the passengers on trains running late?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Steps taken include monitoring of late running by Commercial officers, sending advance intimation to base kitchen, static units en-route, preparation of certain items in the pantry car, providing out of course stoppages at stations having adequate catering facilities, etc.

मऊ और शाहगंज रेल लाइन का बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तन

1891. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मऊ और शाहगंज रेल लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित किए जाने का निर्णय ले लिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आमान परिवर्तन के कार्य को कब तक पूरा कर लिया जायेगा; और

(ग) इस कार्य को पूरा करने के लिए कितनी धनराशि व्यय करने का प्रावधान किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) मऊ-शाहगंज मीटर को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का काम, कार्य योजना में शामिल कर लिया गया है तथा इसे 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है।

(ख) अभी इस कार्य को पूरा करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) इस कार्य को आने वाले वर्षों में बजट में शामिल किये जाने पर धन का प्रावधान किया जाएगा।

Rail accidents in South Central Railways

1892. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on the South Central Railways since 1st January, 1992;

(b) the fatalities involved therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a lot of delay before rescue teams reach the accident site;

(d) whether there is any possibility of instituting a system to enable railway authorities to be alerted immediately of accidents; and

(e) what steps are being taken to institute better and more efficient systems to tackle the rescue work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There were 18 train accidents on South Central Railway during the period 1-1-1992 to 30-4-1992.

(b) 27 persons lost their lives in these accidents.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The existing system enables the railway authorities to be alerted immediately after an accident.

(e) Technologically advanced re-railing equipment is being kept in readiness at various strategic locations.

Ticketless travelling on South Central Railways

1893. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ticketless travel is on the increase on the South Central Railways;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to combat this menace;